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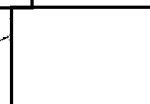
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, (S)National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: FY 1965-1966 U-2 Requirements

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1. Request one additional U-2 aircraft be provided IDEALIST for conversion to U-2C configuration during the remainder of FY 65. This aircraft would be used as a replacement for ART 358. It is recommended that ART 389 be chosen to meet this requirement since it is scheduled to enter the plant facility for IRAN on 8 March.

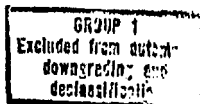
2. The contractor has advised that there appears to be approximately [REDACTED] in the current contract for J-75 IRAN/conversions. This is due to the learning curve, and the economy gained from processing five U-2 aircraft to J-75 conversion on a continuous basis. The contractor is further of the opinion that if an additional J-75 conversion is scheduled in the plant immediately, the conversion can be done within existing funding.

3. Articles 381 and 383 are the only two "hard-nose" models remaining in the Air Force inventory. It is recommended they be selected for conversion to J-75 configuration during FY 66. Selection of aircraft to be converted in FY 66 at this time would contribute to economy of conversion in that required long-lead items and "bent-up" materials for the three aircraft could be manufactured at the same time with a resultant improvement in pricing.

(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

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